PATENT APPLICATION Docket No.: 11502/33

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re applica	ation of:)
	Blatter et al.)
Serial No.:	Not Yet Assigned)) Art Unit) 3731
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For:	STAPLE AND ANVIL ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEM)
Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE DECLARATION

BOX: RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.